

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Auditee** A non-Federal entity that expends Federal awards which must be audited pursuant to the provisions of the Circular

**Audit Finding** A deficiency that the auditor is required to report in the schedule of findings and questioned costs

**Auditor** A public accountant or a Federal, state, or local government, audit organization which meets the *Government Auditing Standards*

**Award** Federal financial assistance (e.g., grants), and Federal cost reimbursement contracts, including awards received from pass-through entities

**Circular** OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** A government wide compendium of all Federal programs, grants and other activities which provide assistance to the American public; each Federal program is identified by a unique 2-digit, 3-decimal number

**Compliance Requirement:** A requirement which is applicable to a program and may be included in the compliance supplement requirements for the auditor to test

**Compliance Supplement Policy Official:** The Federal awarding agency policy official responsible for ensuring that program objectives, procedures and compliance requirements are provided to OMB for inclusion in the Supplement

**Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC)** An agent for OMB to maintain a government wide database of single audit results and reports

**Financial Statements:** Financial statements that reflect the auditee's financial position, results of operations or changes in net assets, and where appropriate, cash flows for the fiscal year audited

**Government Auditing Standards:** Standards for auditing government organizations and programs issued by the United States General Accounting Office and commonly referred to as the "Yellow Book"

**Internal Control Over Federal Programs:** A process, effected by an entity's management and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding proper accounting and reporting of transactions, compliance with laws and regulations, and safeguarding assets.

**Major Program** A program that is audited

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**Management Decision** An evaluation made by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity of the audit findings and corrective action plan, and the issuance of a written decision as to what corrective action is needed

**Non-Federal Entity (NFE)** A state (including federally-recognized Indian tribes), local government, university, or non-profit organization

**Pass-Through Entity (PTE)::** A non-Federal entity that provides a Federal award to a subrecipient to carry out a Federal program

**Program-Specific Audit** An audit of one Federal program based on provisions in the Circular

**Recipient** A non-Federal entity that expends Federal awards received directly from a Federal awarding agency to carry out a Federal program

**SF-SAC Form** A data collection form submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse which provides information about the auditor, the auditee and its Federal programs, and the results of the audit.

**Single Audit** An audit of a non-Federal entity's financial statements and Federal awards which meets the requirements of the Circular

**Single Audit Process** The audit process prescribed in the Circular

**Subrecipient:** A non-Federal entity that expends Federal awards from a pass-through entity to carry out a Federal program; a subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency